

TOWN OF ASHLAND RETROFITS MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT TO CREATE A STORMWATER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.



LOCATION: Ashland, VA OWNER: Town of Ashland PROJECT SIZE: 16,000 SF ENGINEER: A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Inc. CONTRACTOR: Filterra Bioretention Systems of Ashland PAVER TYPE: Eagle Bay Aqua Bric Type 4

"L" permeable interlocking concrete pavers

THE CHALLENGE

In 2010, the Town of Ashland, VA decided to retrofit their deteriorating municipal parking lot. Their goal was to build a parking lot that would endure the test of time, while benefitting the environment.

THE SOLUTION

The town hired A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Inc., who teamed up with Filterra Bioretention Systems and Eagle Bay USA to produce the first "boxless" Filterra BioPave installation in North America. This project utilized the functional, heavy-duty wearing surface of Eagle Bay Aqua Bric, a permeable interlocking concrete paver that detains, infiltrates and drains stormwater. The surface significantly reduces pollutants in stormwater, including sediment, nutrients, heavy metals, oil and grease. Filterra BioPave provides up to 25-year storm protection – along with a useable parking lot.



THE RESULTS

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Built in the fall of 2012 in about six weeks, the parking lot was completed just in time for the community's important train day festival. The project was co-funded by the Town of Ashland and a Chesapeake Bay Trust "Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns" grant.

In March 2013, the project was awarded the 2013 Dave Pearson Watershed Excellence Award at the Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association annual conference.